

**PURDY SAYS:**

Why let so many of your little chickens die when Conkley's Butter-milk starting feed will save practically all of them?

E. L. Tuepke renews for The Message.

Mrs. W. L. Heinlen is a new Message subscriber.

L. L. Davidson sold four young hogs for \$96.

Henry Iman, near Santa Fe, is reported quite sick.

Claud Bybee bot a jack of James Willard for \$150.

A. Stone hands us a plunk to renew for The Message.

Curtis Pryor joins the big growing list of Message subscribers.

J. W. Coakley has us push up his Message subscription date.

S. P. Carter lost a fine cow Thursday night, killed by lightning.

H. C. Fisher, near Molino, bot hay of Bela Hughes, paying \$9.00 per ton.

Luther Davidson pushes his Message subscription date up to in 1918.

**STRAW HATS!**

We have them for the family from 10c to \$2.50.

**THE ENTERPRISE STORE.**

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Davidson were pleasant callers at Message headquarters Saturday.

R. A. Hanger, the liverman and undertaker of Santa Fe, a general hustler, renews for The Message.

Mrs. T. F. Montgomery died at her home in this city Tuesday. The body was taken to Nome, Mo., for burial.

A. A. Bethel and family left for Hutchison, Kas., Wednesday where he has a position as salesman for the Pierce Oil Co.

Judge David H. Harris of Fulton is holding court in Mexico this week, trying cases in which Judge Ernest Gantt was disqualified.

Misses Beatie Jackson and Loraine Hoar, of Synodical College, Fulton, Mo., spent the week-end with Misses Mabel and Bessie Hickman.

The case of W. W. Johnson which came up for trial in the Circuit Court in Mexico this week was taken to Bowling Green on change of venue.

Miss Mary Bethel departed for Denver, Colo., Wednesday, where she will spend the summer with her brother, Jack Bethel and wife.

Theo. Williams has been appointed trustee in bankruptcy of the property of Wm. F. Atkinson, who disappeared from Mexico last November.

A beautiful little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Erdle, northeast of Mexico on April 19, 1917. They have named the little miss Elizabeth Antonia.

Rev. C. A. Mitchell of Mexico will preach at Beaver Dam Church, eight miles southwest of Mexico, Saturday, May 5th, at 2:30 p. m. Also on Sunday following at 3:00 p. m.

Ralph Coatsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coatsworth, of this city, will attend the Officers' Training School at Ft. Riley, Kas., this summer.

**FARMERS—If you need additional help of any kind on your farm list your wants with the NORTH MISSOURI TRUST COMPANY and we will make an effort to help you get same. Our service is free.**

George Kabrich is home from Jacksonville, Fla., where he spent the winter. Says he noticed as he came North people were discarding their flowers and planting potatoes and such.

The Mexico Business Men's Association asks permits for the Boy Scouts of property owners who have vacation lots that the boys may use them for cultivation, "that an increased supply of the necessities of life may result." Please notify L. Roy Ferris.

**MR. DENMARK DEAD.**

Wm. Denmark, 68 years old, who moved to this State many years ago from New York, died at the home of his son, Guy Denmark, in Laddonia Wednesday of last week. He formerly lived in the Piddletown neighborhood, southwest of Perry, just over the line in Ralls county from Audrain.

**S. S. CONVENTIONS.**

One to Be Held at Bethel and Another at Benton City—Subjects to Be Discussed.

Salt River Township Sunday School Convention is to be held at Bethel Church at two p. m. May 6th. The following is the program:

"The Value of the Organized Class to the Teen Age," Miss Ellen Carter. "How to Improve the Elementary Grades," Miss Josephine Wallace. "Home Co-operation," Mrs. Richard Baker.

"The Boys' Activities," L. M. White. Loutre and South Linn conventions will be held at the Benton City Christian Church at 2:30 p. m., May 6.

The program as planned will be as follows:

"The Use of the Graded Lesson," Miss Essher Hardine.

"Teacher Training," Mrs. W. W. Botts.

"How to Interest the Teen Age Girls," Mrs. Paul St. Vrain.

"Class Organization," C. M. Fox.

**HAZEL LETTER.**

E. P. Pasley is building a barn. Miss Susie Eller of Auxvasse spent several days last week visiting her sisters, Mrs. Geo. Green and Mrs. Walker Beckley.

The school board met Saturday and gave the school to Miss Annie Cowherd. Terms, eight months, \$45 per month. There were four applicants.

The new board is A. H. Blase, president. P. A. Erdle and H. W. Schrader, members; Geo. W. Green, clerk. J. G. Ware received word a few days ago from his son, James Ware, of Altamont, Kansas, saying he was in quite poor health. He formerly lived here and has a host of friends who are sorry to hear of his condition.

Some time ago we said we would have a wedding to report soon. Folks said, "Why, who is it?" But we did not say anything. But kept our ear to the ground, and the wedding was last Wednesday, April 25th, when Mr. Charles H. Brown of Fort Benton, Montana, and Miss Ella Blase, of this neighborhood, were married by Rev. H. B. Barks, in the presence of a few invited friends, at the bride's home. Miss Blase was one of our very best young ladies and has a host of friends here who wish her much joy in her new home at Fort Benton, for which place Mr. and Mrs. Brown left immediately after the ceremony. The groom is a well-to-do ranchman of that place.

There are strong symptoms that we may have another wedding to report some day. But we are not going to tell.

Fred Blase and Rudolph Green have the contract to drag seven miles of the County Seat Highway, which is part of R. R. 4.

**LADDONIA LETTER.**

After a cloudiness of almost a week we are once more permitted to enjoy the sunshine.

Farmers were beginning to make quite a headway toward putting in their corn crops, until they were compelled to stop work by the recent rain.

Miss Lena Moore of Hutchison is visiting her sister, Mrs. Guy Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian and Gene Richmond of Paris, Mo., who have charge of our movies here, are showing some good pictures and good crowds are attending each night.

Melvin Williams who has been attending the University this winter is home for the summer work.

William Denmark died at the home of his son, Guy Denmark, after an illness of several weeks. The remains were taken to Fern Chapel for burial.

C. H. Summers of Martinsburg visited homefolks here last week.

Mrs. C. E. Mayhall was called to Eolia to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. Alice Lewton visited friends in town last week. She had just returned from Barry, Ill., where she visited her sister, Mrs. Miles Hoyt.

Mrs. Frank Faulkner of Champagne, Ill., was called here by the death of her father, Wm. Denmark.

**K. L. S. TO VANDALIA**

The following members of the Knights & Ladies of Security of Mexico went to Vandalia Friday night and installed a lodge there of 29 members: John Howard, captain; Mrs. George Rodhouse, Mrs. Mabel Stuart, Mrs. Mary Browning, Miss Geneva Flittner, Mrs. Pearl Oliver, Miss Dillie Willingham, Mrs. John Howard, Miss Edith Milligan, Chas. Flittner, Henry Franks, Elmo Gass and Roy Johnson.

The officers of Mexico Lodge are: Vernon Morris, president; Mrs. Chas. Flittner, vice-president; Ira Milligan, second vice-president; Mrs. B. A. Powell, prelate; Mrs. Charles Stratton, conductress.



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**MRS. RENIE DEAD.**

Mrs. Lydia M. Renie, 79 years old, after an illness of two weeks of pneumonia, died Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at her home in this city.

Mrs. Renie was a native of Indiana, born in North Vernon December 11, 1837. She with her husband came to Missouri in 1870. They resided on a farm southwest of Mexico until the death of her husband, when she moved to Mexico. Five children survive her—Albert A. and Chas. A., both of Kansas City; Ed. H., at Hallsville; William, of Centralia, and John S. Renie, who resided with his mother in Mexico.

Mrs. Renie was a good woman, a faithful member of the Christian Church. The funeral was held at Christian church by her pastor, Rev. H. P. Atkins, at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

We join with the entire community in extending sympathy to the mourning children.

**MRS. RAGSDALE DEAD.**

Mrs. Mary Ragsdale of Moberly, mother of F. M. Ragsdale of Mexico, died Wednesday of last week. Mr. Ragsdale and two children and Miss Edna Ragsdale attended the funeral.

**The Big Event Has Happened!**

**Free 640-Acre Wyoming Homestead.**

The long-wanted 640-acre Homestead Act is now a law. It permits application for home steads in the grass-covered livestock area of Central and Northeast Wyoming. You can reach this area either over the Burlington's main line via Douglas for Converse County, or via Moorecroft and Gillette for Northeast Wyoming. Inquire early and go early.

This area contains large bodies of excellent grazing lands from fifteen to fifty miles from the railroad. Write me for circular of information and instructions, which will tell you exactly what to do, without loss of time, to apply for a stock raising and dairy homestead. You can secure one of these valuable mile-square homesteads in a well-known, permanent, live-stock area of Wyoming.

It is my judgment that practically all of the desirable grazing and agricultural lands will be applied for during 1917, and I consider it my duty to advise you of this opportunity.

S. B. HOWARD, Immigration Agent, C. B. & Q. R. R., Room 13, Q Building, Omaha, Neb.

**EXPRESSION AND PIANO RECITALS AT HARDIN**

The Expression Recital for graduation by Misses May Stallings, Irene Lowe and Dorothy Holmes, pupils of Miss Dickinson, at Hardin Tuesday night was well attended.

Miss Stallings whose selections were all of a high order and well given held the closest attention. She gave "Fight the Good Fight," by Alice Garland Steele; "A Proper Spirit of Regret," by Vista Thorp, and Aux Italens, by Owen Meredith.

"A Bit of Instruction," a one-scene act, by Dorothy Holmes and Mary Stallings was well featured. Miss Irene Lowe gave several character sketches, "Mirandy on High Society," "The Taming of Lena's Henry," a James Whitcomb Riley selection, and that excellent sketch by Louise Rice, "The Girl Who Walked Without Fear."

These young ladies have been earnest, close students and their evening's entertainment was a rare treat to the many friends of Hardin who attended.

Last Saturday afternoon the piano recital of the pupils of Misses Pearson, Shotwell and Wilson was held. At this time students of Miss Dickinson assisted. Miss Isabelle Craddock displayed a delightful versatility in her character sketch, "An Object of Love," from Mary Wilkins Freeman. Miss Craddock gives promise to be one of Mexico's most talented readers. Miss Augusta Pitts gave a sketch from Innocents Abroad, "Our Guide in Geneva and Rome," with characterization clearly defined. "The Philosopher in the Apple Orchard," a dialogue again brought out the talents of Dorothy Holmes and Mary Stallings.

Those taking part in the musical numbers were—Misses Elizabeth Precht, Martha Berry, Vera Gallaher, Hazel Morrison, Edith Stoner, Genevieve Kavanaugh, Hazel Holloway, Genevieve De Witt, Annadee Fish, Gladys Brashears.

Miss Precht was in good form and skill with Jensen's "Elfin Dance." Miss De Witt played Merkel's "Polonaise Brillante." Miss Edith Stoner gave "Petite Romance," by Hensell. Misses Kavanaugh and Brashears each gave happy selections from Schubert, and Miss Holloway's rendition of "Nakedes Geliebten" was also well given. Miss Annadee Fish, who gave several selections, was much complimented for her splendid shading and brilliancy and artistic touch.

The Mexico public have rare opportunities by attending at the Hardin closing recitals.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

S. P. Turpin to O. E. Keithley. Warranty. Consideration \$1. Lot 4, block 11, Alford's 2nd Add to Vandalia.

O. E. Keithley to Allie Turpin. Quitclaim. Consideration \$1. Lot 4, block 11, Alford's 2nd Add to Vandalia. Elizabeth Atkinson by Shff to Grace H. Beagles, Shff's Deed. Consideration \$3450. Part of Lot 9, City Survey 42, Mexico.

Ieland O. Hickerson to John and Amanda Hickerson. Warranty. Consideration \$2,000. SE NE and N 1-2 of NE SE of 26-51-8.

Chas. W. Criswell to Kate M. Thornton. Warranty. Consideration \$1 and other. Tract on S line of Robinson street, west of Western Ave.

Elizabeth Atkinson by Shff to Mexico Savings Bank, Shff Deed. Consideration \$3750. Part of Lots 8 and 9, City Survey 42, Mexico.

August Stanhardt to Bertha Stanhardt and Edmee Kirm. Consideration \$2,000 and love. E 1-2 NE of 22 and E 1-2 of 16 (except SW SE) all in 50-7.

Clara May Dix et al to C. F. Hagar. Warranty. Consideration \$1600. NW SE of 29-50-7.

Lucille Robinson et al to C. F. Hagar. Quitclaim. Consideration \$1 E 1-2 of NW SE of 29-50-7.

Clara Averitt to Robert C. Strode. Warranty. Consideration \$2350. Lot 1, Block A, Boulevard Add to Mexico.

Edward O. Morris to Walter J. Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 1, Dillard's Add to Mexico.

John R. Scott to Leslie J. Freyer. Warranty. Consideration \$6584. S 1-2 of NW of 23-51-7.

L. H. Russell and J. H. Power to S. C. Carpenter. Warranty. Consideration \$3500. Lot 13, block A, Boulevard Add to Mexico.

C. Buchanan et al by Shff to Clarence Barnes. Partition Deed. Consideration \$12,000. SW NW & W 1-2 SW of 5 and W 1-2 NW of 8-50-9.

C. & A. R. R. Co. to J. E. Streiff and J. W. Gallaher. Quitclaim. Consideration \$175. Strip 2.8 ft wide adjoining Cardwell's Add.

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**Weekly Market Letter**

(Furnished by Woodson-Fennwald L. Com. Co., Nat'l Stock Yds., Ill.)

National Stock Yards, Ill., May 1, 1917.—Cattle receipts have been light this week, market a little stronger on best kinds, about steady on others. There has been very few good cattle here and nothing choice. Bulk of the choice steers selling at \$12.40 to \$13.00; good \$11.25 to \$11.75; medium \$9.25 to \$10.00; fair killers \$8.75 to \$9.25.

Choice light heifers \$11.00 to \$11.75; good \$9.25 to \$10.50; medium \$8.50 to \$9.25; fair \$8.00 to \$8.50; choice cows \$10.25 to \$10.75; good \$9.00 to \$9.75; medium \$7.25 to \$8.00; cutters \$6.00 to \$6.50; canners \$5.55 to \$5.90.

Choice bulls \$9.75 to \$10.25; good \$9.00 to \$9.50; medium \$7.75 to \$8.25.

Hog receipts liberal, market steady on best weight hogs, slow and 10c lower on others. Good butcher and heavy hogs \$15.75 to \$15.90; good mixed and light hogs \$15.50 to \$15.65; good packing sows \$15.00; stags \$15.00.

Sheep receipts 350, market higher. Good fat wool sheep \$12.50 to \$13.25; clipped \$10.50 to \$11.25; choice clipped lambs \$13.75 to \$14.25; woolled \$16.50 to \$17.00.

Dave Armstrong was well pleased with the prices he got for his live stock at his sale. Horses sold for \$150 and better; cows, one for \$100 and another for \$101; gilts for \$30, and chickens at one dollar apiece.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE.**

Whereas, George W. Hall, by his certain deed of trust, dated April 28th, 1914, and recorded in the trust deed records of Audrain County, Missouri, in Book 40 at page 635, conveyed to the undersigned trustee, the following described real estate situate in Audrain County, Missouri, to-wit:

Lot numbered six (6) in Block numbered six (6) of Lakenan & Barnes' College Addition to the City of Mexico, Missouri.

Lot numbered Eight (8) in Block numbered One (1). And lot numbered One (1) in Block numbered Four (4) of T. J. Bates' Addition to said City of Mexico, Missouri, according to the Plats of said Additions of record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds within and for said Audrain County.

In trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note with the interest thereon, in said deed of trust fully described and set forth: And, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note, and the interest thereon, and insurance thereon, and the same is now past due and unpaid.

Now, therefore, I, H. C. McClure, the trustee named in said deed of trust, in accordance with the terms thereof, and at the request of the legal holder of said note, will on Saturday, the 26th Day of May, 1917, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. of said day, proceed to sell the above described real estate at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the East Front Door of the Court House in Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, to satisfy said note, interest, insurance and the costs and expenses of executing said trust.

H. C. MCCLURE, Trustee.  
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Nov. 14th we sold 50 head of 1190 pound yearling steers at \$11.50, which are the highest priced steers ever sold on this market.

Aug. 31, 1916, we sold 2 cars of hogs averaging 278 lbs. at \$11.50, the top for any hogs ever sold on this market.

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